

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-5, 7-9, 17, 20 and 22-25 are pending in this application.

Claim Rejection – Nonstatutory Double Patenting over U.S. Patent No. 5, 976,524 in view of Liu, et al.

The Examiner maintains that claims 1 (and claims 4-5, 17, 20 and 25 which depend therefrom), 7 (and claims 17, 20 and 25 which depend therefrom) and 22 (and claims 8-9 and 23-25 which depend therefrom) of the present application are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obvious-type double-patenting as unpatentable over claims 1-16 of U.S. Patent No. 5, 976,524 (the '524 patent), in view of Liu, et al.

Applicant submits herewith a terminal disclaimer to overcome the non-statutory double patenting rejection. Applicant accordingly requests that the Examiner withdraw the outstanding rejection.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance. If, upon review, the Examiner feels there are additional outstanding issues, the Examiner is invited to direct any calls in connection with this application to the undersigned at (415) 781-1989.

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